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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF OREGON

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
ex rel. Martin G. Childs,**

Case No.: 6:20-cv-01610-MK

Plaintiffs,

v.

**SERVICE EMPLOYEES
INTERNATIONAL UNION,**

Defendant.

**UNITED STATES' *EX PARTE*
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO
DECLINE INTERVENTION**

FILED UNDER SEAL

Pursuant to the False Claims Act,
31 U.S.C. §§ 3730(b)(2) and (3)

Pursuant to the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(4)(B), the United States of America notifies the Court of its decision not to intervene in this action.

Although the United States declines to intervene, the relator may maintain the action in the name of the United States, provided, however, that the “action may be dismissed only if the court and the Attorney General give written consent to the dismissal and their reasons for consenting.” 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(1). The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has held that, notwithstanding this language, the United States has the right to a hearing only when it objects to a settlement or dismissal of the action. *See U.S. ex rel. Green v. Northrop Corp.*, 59 F.3d 953, 959 (9th Cir. 1995); *U.S. ex rel. Killingsworth v. Northrop Corp.*, 25 F.3d 715, 723–25 (9th Cir. 1994). Therefore, should any party propose that this action be dismissed, settled, or otherwise discontinued, the United States requests that the Court provide the United States with notice and an opportunity to be heard before ruling or granting its approval.

Furthermore, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(c)(3), the United States requests that all orders, pleadings, notices, motions, and other documents filed in this action be served upon the United States. The United States also reserves its right to order any deposition transcripts, intervene in this action for good cause at a later date, and seek the dismissal of the relator’s action or claim. The United States also requests that it be served with all notices of appeal.

Finally, the United States requests that the relator’s Complaint, this Notice, and the accompanying proposed Order be unsealed. The United States requests that all other papers on file in this action remain under seal because, in discussing the content and extent of the United States’ investigation, such papers are provided by law to the Court alone for the sole purpose of

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evaluating whether the seal and time for making an election to intervene should be extended.

A proposed order accompanies this notice.

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Respectfully submitted,

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